

Maryla Korn
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Born Maryla Orgel on June 10, 1938 in Cracow, Poland

Late 1940 or early 1941 - Maryla and mother went first to Wieliczka and then to

Bochnia. Maternal grandparents went there. Maryla hidden with peasant family but cried so much she was returned to her mother

End of 1941 or early 1942- went into ghetto in Bochnia where she was once hidden under a pile of mattresses. Mother worked outside ghetto in factory. Maryla took messages outside the ghetto and brought back food.

June 1943 - left ghetto separately with her mother, carrying diamonds and money, but no luggage.

Germans and Judenrat were bribed. Traveled by truck to border, then at night by foot and hid during day.

Guides were paid partisans. Ghetto liquidated soon after. Grandfather shot at Bochnia cemetery, grandmother taken to Auschwitz. Uncle had been taken to Belzec in summer 1942.

To Kosice, caught by Czech collaborators, released and proceeded with help of Joint to Hungary. They were caught again and sent to prison in Budapest and the Joint got them out.

August/September 1943 - went to Usod in Hungary and stayed until April 1944 under name of Orglowska. Lived as a Christian, went to Mass. Mother brought food to Polish Jews living in a farmhouse. Maryla had accident and her leg became gangrenous and was treated by a doctor

April 1944, Hungarian Jews were being rounded up. Her mother stole passes and they went to Budapest, stayed with a Jewish Polish friend and then to Bucharest with help from the Joint. They lived as Jews and almost boarded 2 ships in Constanta going to Palestine, one of which, the Merkur, sank, the other ended up in Cyprus.

Spring 1945 - Liberated by Russians. Went to Budapest, stayed in a children's home while mother went back to Poland to check on family. Mother set up business in Vienna with uncle. Father returned traumatized from the war.

Winter '46-'47 went to Brussels. Went to Israel in 1951 but returned to Brussels

1959 -1961 lived in Israel, then came back to Belgium

May 1961 - went to US. Married in June 1961. Husband David Korn also a survivor.

Goes to Germany to see her parents - will not go after they are gone.

Not in the business of forgiving, lost her childhood

Works at the Museum doing translations